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SUBJECT: RALLY CULMINATES MOZAMBIQUE CELEBRATION OF CONFERENCE

1. A PUBLIC RALLY WAS HELD IN MAPUTO IN LATE AFTERNOON MAY 21 CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. WHILE LIP SERVICE WAS PAID BY SOME OF THE SPEAKERS TO NEGOTIATIONS, THE THEME OF THE MEETING CLEARLY WAS SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

2. SPEECHES WERE DELIVERED BY SALIM SALIM, LESLIE HARRIMAN, TANG MIN-CHAO, PETER ONU, AND DUNSTAN KAMANA. AN UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE OF SWAPO AND ROBERT MUGABE OF PATRIOTIC FRONT WERE ALSO INVITED TO ADDRESS THE RALLY. THE SPEECH THAT

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ELICITED MOST COMMENT WAS THAT OF HARRIMAN, WHO DELIVERED A FIERY, DEMOGOGIC HARANGUE CALLING FOR BLOOD AND BULLETS, CITING ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE ONLY WAY AND CALLING FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. IN CONTRAST, SALIM, KAMANA AND PETER ONU STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AS OF EQUAL VALUE TO THE ARMED STRUGGLE. ROBERT MUGABE DREW REMENDOUS APPLAUSE WITH STATEMENT THAT ZIMBABWEANS WERE READY

TO WAGE THE STRUGGLE THEMSELVES; ALL THAT WAS WANTED WERE THE WEAPONS TO FINISH IT.

3. CHISSANO CONCLUDED THE RALLY WITH A BILINGUAL ADDRESS DIRECTED TO THE VISITORS AND HIS ENTHUSIASTIC MOZAMBICAN AUDIENCE. HE NOTED THE POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE, CALLING ATTENTION SPECIFICALLY TO U.S. PARTICIPATION AND TO FACT THAT THE WESTERN WORLD, INCLUDING THE U.S., ARE AGREED THAT THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE SHOULD BE GIVEN INDEPENDENCE. AT SAME TIME, HE DERIDED WESTERN CONCERN OVER BLOODSHED IN ZIMBABWE, EQUATING IT WITH THE SAME PIOUS PROTESTS OF PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER CAETANO AND OTHERS IN THE PAST, AND SAID THAT MANY OF THOSE WHO WERE VOICING CONCERN WERE THE SAME ONES WHO WERE SENDING ARMS TO THE RACISTS. HE SAID MOZAMBIQUE WAS FULLY BEHIND THE ARMED STRUGGLE AND IF ASKED WOULD SEND TROOPS TO SUPPORT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, ALTHOUGH NOTING THAT FREEDOM FIGHTERS PREFERRED TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES.

4. RALLY WAS GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE FRUSTRATED BY MODERATE ASPECTS OF CONFERENCE TO LET OFF STEAM. IT WAS ALSO VALUABLE FOR MUGABE, IN ABSENCE OF NKOMO, TO HAVE FIELD TO HIMSELF AS SPOKESMAN FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT BEFORE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. DE PREE

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